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British Labour Party leader, Harold Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson with their son, Giles, left, on Friday morning at the kibbutz where the younger Wilson has been working as a volunteer for the past several years. (Israel Post)

NEW ROADS AND HOMES 'Thinning out' Rafah camp starts today

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work is to begin on the construction of a 30-kilometer-wide roadway through the Rafah refugee camp, as part of a program to thin out the population and provide better services. T. A. Gazit, the Defence Ministry's coordinator for the administration, told a press conference Friday.

Some roads had been cleared through the camp area 16 months ago, but the work was then stopped to increase security. The Government is proceeding slowly — but steadily — with the present plan, now aimed at improving the conditions of all 40,000 families in the Rafah camp, the largest in the Gaza Strip.

Approximately 110 families will be transferred to the construction of the new Tab-Atuf camp, Gazit said. They have been provided with temporary housing in newly built houses nearby. The remainder in the houses left after the road-clearing will be large and have better services than the original Umruwa houses in which the families have lived.

The program, which will be carried out in all the population of Rafah to its present 7,500 families, it said.

will receive new homes nearby at Be'er Sheva — a new suburb where houses cost about IL5,000 and can be purchased for IL1,000 down followed by monthly installments of IL50. T.A. Gazit said that 1,000 families are expected to move out of the camp proper and into these new homes, which contain four rooms, as compared to two rooms in the average Umruwa shelter. The houses also have running water, electricity and outdoor toilets.

T.A. Gazit stressed that neither Umruwa nor any other international body is involved in the program, financially or otherwise. The Government has until now invested IL1.5m. in the project, of which it expects to get back some IL600,000 from the purchasers of the new homes.

Similar operations will later be carried out in northern Rafah camp (where 600 new units will be put up), in the Khan Yunis and eastern Shati and Jebelya camps in Gaza.

Altogether, the Government intends to construct some 2,500 new housing units for the families displaced by the road building operations. Another scheme under consideration is to sell to any family that wishes it, a quarter-acre plot of land. Each family will finance and build its own house, the infrastructure (water, electricity, sewerage) to be provided at the Government's expense.

T.A. Gazit stressed that as far as Israel is concerned the resettlement scheme does not affect the refugee status of the persons involved, nor their right to receive Umruwa assistance.

10 KILLED ON ROADS

Jerusalem Post Staff

Ten persons were killed in weekend road accidents, six of them in a head-on collision on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, near Meshav Shoshan, yesterday afternoon.

The head-on crash occurred when a Jerusalem-bound tender driven by Aran Ortal of Kibbutz Maor Hayim smashed into the car in front, seriously injuring the car's driver, and then swung into the opposite lane. The truck, which was carrying five people, hit a new B.M.W. sedan with three persons, killing all of them. Three passengers in the tender died.

Police said last night those killed in the B.M.W. were Jerusalem attorney Avraham Bar-Yeffer, 43, his secretary, Rachel Kaufman, 23, of Beer Sheva, and her mother, Hana Kaufman, 54, also of Beer Sheva. Those killed in the truck were Ziva Shariki of Jerusalem and two soldiers whose names have not yet been released.

The driver of the car hit from behind by the truck, Ziva Hasezi, 24, of Jerusalem, was seriously injured, as were the tender driver, Ortal, 22, and a passenger, Zehava Natan, 18, of Jerusalem.

On Friday a Jaffa resident, Jacques Mizrahi, 45, was killed in a three-vehicle collision at the intersection of Salama and Eilat-alon Streets in Tel Aviv. Mizrahi was a passenger in a commercial van which collided with a truck and a car at the intersection. The driver of the commercial vehicle, Asher Hirsh, 20, of Net Ziona, was injured and taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

In Rishon LeZion, Leib Rosenzweig, 78, was fatally injured when he was hit by a truck while reportedly crossing the street against the traffic light. He died in the Assaf Harofa Hospital.

At least two persons were killed and another four seriously injured when an Egged bus hit an Army Carmel sedan at a Netanya intersection at 7 o'clock last night.

Witnesses said that three of the six people in the car were thrown to the roadway by the force of the collision. (Times)

20 more Jews held

Another 20 Soviet Jews were jailed for 15 days for gathering at the offices of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow last week to demand the release of Jews held in prison, Israeli Radio reported.

The radio, which did not give a source for its report, said the number of those detained for participation in the protest meeting was now 45.

HEAVY DAMAGE AS QUAKE HITS NICARAGUA

Managua, capital of the Central American republic of Nicaragua, was a city of death and destruction yesterday after being struck by a strong earthquake.

A commercial radio broadcast from the city of about 325,000 people estimated 5,000 had been killed. Other reports, however, said about 200 people had died. The broadcast said most of the centre of Managua was destroyed or badly damaged, that bodies littered the streets and that there was no water, electricity or food available. Fires were reported to be raging out of control. One report said 14 blocks of downtown Managua had been burned.

Hospitals were destroyed or so badly damaged that they could not accept all of the injured. All telephone communication with the outside world was cut when the quake badly damaged the Nicaraguan communications building.

However, amateur radio operators were able to establish a network to ask for help and coordinate relief supplies pouring to Managua from North and South America. The announcer on the commercial broadcast said his station was transmitting on auxiliary power from the street because the studios had been destroyed.

The radio operators said many large buildings, including the U.S. Embassy, were destroyed or badly damaged. Thousands of people were said to be roaming Managua's streets dazed and in shock. Other thousands had fled in terror to the countryside, they said.

The damage was apparently caused by the strongest of a series of six tremors on Friday night and yesterday morning. The strongest tremor was measured at seismological stations in the U.S. and South America at from 6.5 to 7 on the Richter Scale. The Alaskan earthquake of 1964 was measured at 8.4 on the Richter Scale and the 1903 San Francisco earthquake at 8.3.

Many of the injured were being taken to the airport for evacuation. In San Jose, Costa Rica, to the south of Managua, hospitals prepared to receive the injured after President Jose Figueres offered all the nation's medical services. The airport building, a

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U.S. admits 14 planes down as raids go on

SAIGON — U.S. losses mounted yesterday as the biggest air blitz of the war against North Vietnam continued. The U.S. Command admitted 14 planes downed, including 10 giant B52 bombers, and a total of at least 55 American airmen missing in the raids, which began six days ago.

The North Vietnamese claim they have downed 42 planes in the latest series of raids.

Meanwhile North Vietnam's Defence Minister, General Vo Nguyen Giap, was reported yesterday as saying that "Hanoi and Haiphong and other cities may be destroyed but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated."

Giap's remarks, carried by Hanoi's official Vietnam News Agency, appeared to indicate that he was claiming heavy destruction to the North Vietnamese capital and its main port of Haiphong, but the sense he used left unclear whether he was saying that the two cities had been destroyed or that they might be if the U.S. air attacks were sustained at the same intensity.

The U.S. Command has maintained that only military targets are being attacked. It is estimated that the B52s alone are dropping up to 3,000 tons of bombs a day over North Vietnam.

At the U.N., Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim called yesterday for a resumption of the Vietnam peace talks in Paris, and said he was greatly concerned at the continuing U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

East European missions hit

VIENNA (Reuter) — Buildings belonging to at least three East European missions in Hanoi were damaged in the latest U.S. bombing raids over the North Vietnamese capital, according to Communist news agency reports yesterday.

Although no details were immediately available, the worst hit appeared to be the Bulgarian Embassy. Other buildings hit were those of the East German Embassy and the Hungarian Trade Mission, according to the reports.

He urged an end to all violence which could impede the success of the talks.

The Saigon Government yesterday announced a unilateral 24-hour cease-fire in South Vietnam for Christmas, beginning at 6 p.m. today.

The Vietcong had earlier declared a similar unilateral 24-hour cease-fire for the holiday.

The U.S. Command left its options open, refusing to comment on the South Vietnamese cease-fire. It is expected however that there will be a 24-hour bombing halt.

U.S. Intelligence reports say there are 28 batteries of Sam-2s in the area. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Bethlehem ready for Christmas

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

BETHLEHEM — Church bells around the world will peal out at midnight recalling the birth of Jesus in a manger in the heart of the small town.

The centre of the city, in which Manger Square is situated, has been covered by strings of coloured lights and the area ornamented with bright decorations. The main roads to the town have been illuminated.

At St. Catherine's Church, inside the Basilica of the Nativity, where the midnight Mass will be held, Israeli Television technicians prepared yesterday to transmit the church ceremonies live by satellite to the outside world. The Mass will also be transmitted through a closed TV circuit to Manger Square, where 17 choirs will sing Christmas carols earlier in the evening.

Security reinforcements arrived in Bethlehem yesterday. The town will be closed to ordinary traffic from today until dawn tomorrow. Entry will be permitted to bearers of special passes, which pilgrims can get at tourist information offices, and local Christians at Government district offices.

Some 15,000 pilgrims are expected in Bethlehem today for the Christmas Eve ceremonies. They begin at 12.30 p.m. with a procession led by the Latin Patriarch from Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate to Bethlehem's Manger Square.

Hundreds of pilgrims were already here yesterday touring the town in the brilliant but cold winter sunshine which followed a frosty night.

Among the pilgrims due for this evening's services here will be distinguished foreign visitors. One of them is Apollo-15 astronaut, James Irwin, who is heading an American group of three choirs. Mr. Irwin will be presented with the Freedom of the city during the Manger Square ceremonies.

In an annual Christmas message, Bethlehem's Mayor, Elias Freij, said that "once a year at this season millions of people bear the name of Bethlehem in their minds and its message in their hearts. But after Christmas is over, all too often the wonderful memory of Bethlehem dissipates."

The mayor appealed for world support to help his city council "rehabilitate the glory" of the town through its reconstruction "within the framework of its religious and historic importance." (See the special Pilgrimage Supplement with today's issue.)

Yeshu reports from Nazareth: The streets have been decorated and special illuminations have been put up. Christmas trees have been set up along Paulus VI Road and on rooftops. The town's four hotels are fully booked, mainly by tourists from North America and Europe.

The Tourism Ministry's North Israel director, Yohanan Erez, said that the city was preparing for the visit of thousands of tourists, pilgrims and Israelis. Visitors who called at his office would get a gift and a certificate of pilgrimage.

The central service for Catholics will be held by the Franciscan Order at the Basilica of the Annunciation.

Pact signed with Mart

Israel's trade with the Common Market countries will "neither worsen nor improve" next year, following the signing of an agreement with the E.E.C. on Friday. This was stated in an interview with Israel radio yesterday by Israel's Ambassador to Brussels, Mr. Moshe Alon.

The agreement leaves tariffs on imports from Israel unchanged for one more year in the new Mart member countries — Britain, Ireland and Denmark.

The Director-General of the Finance Ministry, Mr. Avraham Agmon, told the radio interviewer that Israel's industry and agriculture must prepare for the "enormous challenges" that will be presented by competing imports from Common Market countries.

PLANE WITH 47 MISSING

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A Norwegian passenger jet with 47 persons on board was reported missing yesterday evening. The plane, a Dutch-built Fokker Fellowship, was on a domestic flight from the west coast town of Alesund to Oslo.

It was one of the so-called "Christmas planes" carrying passengers to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Disused Khan Yunis rail line blasted

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

GAZA — A section of disused railway line in the Khan Yunis area was damaged by an explosive charge on Friday night. The section of line — about one kilometre south of the town — was not seriously damaged in the blast, which blew out about 10 metres of track. Footprints of two men were seen leading away from the spot. At present the railway line in the Gaza Strip is used only up to the Gaza station.

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Cold wave to continue

The cold snap will continue, with no early break in sight for the next few days, the weather bureau said last night. Freezing or near-freezing temperatures were reached last night in most of the country for the second straight day. Ground temperature fell to two degrees below zero in Satad last night, and puddles were reported frozen-over with a centimetre of ice.

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ARRIVALS

Dr. Israel Katz, National Insurance Institute head, from talks with social security experts in Britain. The chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee and Mrs. Edward Ginsberg, from the U.S., to review JDC and JDC-Malbin programmes. Mr. Yeshayahu Pessens, chairman of the Israel Association for Human Rights, from Paris, where he attended a meeting of the International Federation of Associations for Human Rights. Mrs. William Forwell, Albright of Baltimore, Maryland, for a ten day visit (by BOAC). Dr. Harold Weinberg, accompanied by his children and grandchildren, from the U.S., to attend to dedication of the Harold and Anna Weinberg Child Development Institute at the Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer. Mrs. Jennie Z. Gilbert, President of Mirah Women of Ireland.

'Gahal in disarray,' Liberals concerned over widening rift

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gahal is in disarray as the rift deepened in Herut over the weekend. Leading members of the Liberal Party expressed their fears to this reporter of Gahal's future in the light of the widening of the gap over the weekend between Herut Chairman Menasheh Begin and his veteran supporters, on the one hand, and on the other, Ezer Weizman, who resigned from the Herut Executive in the early hours of Thursday morning at the end of the 11th Herut National Convention.

Sources in Herut spoke gloomily about the prospects of healing the rift between Messrs. Begin and Weizman in view of the sharp statements made by both over the weekend.

The Labour Party meanwhile reacted gleefully to the Gahal crisis. Its Information Department even placed a large advertisement in the weekend papers: "We regret that Herut that pretends to be the alternative to the government has proved it is incapable of existing as an opposition party. We regret what happened at the Herut convention that had conflict and even physical conflict, but had the inner freedom (a play on the word Herut). We are not pleased at what happened because the Labour Party deserves to have an effective and respected opposition party."

The feeling among many Gahal leaders including those sympathetic to Mr. Weizman is that he talked himself into an untenable position,

allowing Mr. Begin to appear on television as the more reasonable of the two. This was even the opinion of Liberal leaders who are not entirely enthusiastic over Mr. Begin's manner of leading Gahal.

The official position of the Liberals was spelled out by Liberal Chairman Dr. Elimelech Rimalat, who said this was a purely internal matter of Herut and "we hope it will wash itself out."

Mr. Weizman for his part told the press over the weekend that "I will do everything to avoid a split. I am going to organize a party faction versus the faction of Begin. There is a cult of personality in Herut, the result of which is that if anyone wants to go against Mr. Begin's wishes it means going beyond democratic processes and becomes a matter of personality. And that is what happened at the convention and steering committee."

He said that in Herut there are too many people too blindly following Mr. Begin. He said that "I know my resignation will possibly damage Herut in this election year but I have no alternative. The way the movement is going Mr. Begin will never become Prime Minister." He said that he hoped, my resignation will not be the end of the party but the turning point of it.

He said that "when I feel I cannot contribute anything more to the movement I will not hesitate to withdraw from politics."

Reactions of Mr. Begin's closest aides in the veteran group were equally sharp. Haim Landau, M.K., said that Mr. Weizman's claim that

Mr. Begin is the focus of power in Herut is without foundation. He found it peculiar that Mr. Weizman had suddenly discovered faults in Herut.

Dr. Yohanan Eder, M.K., said that "there is no room in Herut for two Begins. He hoped Mr. Weizman will continue in the party and that will depend on him and him alone." Both Messrs. Landau and Eder disclaimed Mr. Weizman's charge that Mr. Begin's intervention at the convention was undemocratic. They said that Mr. Weizman's faction had disintegrated and that the majority of the party was lined up firmly behind Mr. Begin.

'NAUGHTY BOY'

TEL AVIV. — Ezer Weizman is a naughty boy with considerable charm, but one can't create a policy out of naughtiness," Herut Party chairman Menasheh Begin, M.K., said in a television programme on Friday evening.

Mr. Begin, commenting on Mr. Weizman's resignation as chairman of the Executive, said party members were glad when Mr. Weizman joined the party three years ago. "But his lack of experience showed. He thought, for example, that if the steering committee makes up a list, that is that. He didn't know that the convention, and not the steering committee, chooses the central committee," Mr. Begin said.

He added that the source of the conflict was that Mr. Weizman had wished to oust the "important people" of the party — "its builders and best members."

GOREN:

Full verdict in Langer case out this week

TEL AVIV. — Chief Rabbi Shimon Goren said here on Friday that the full decision releasing the Langer brother and sister from mamzerut (bastardy) will be published this week, as a verdict of the Rabbinical Court of Appeals.

Rabbi Goren, who was addressing the Engineers Club here, said he would fight to see that halachic questions were decided by rabbis and rabbinical-court judges, not by heads of yeshivot. (Some of the latter have been among the leaders of the agitation against him.) He said that what he described as "terror" would not be allowed to prevent religious-court judges from deciding according to their consciences.

In an apparent reference to his ultra-Orthodox opponents, who do not serve in the army and sometimes do not even recognize the State, Rabbi Goren said it was everyone's duty to love the State, to fight for it, and to take part in all its activities.

The official decision in the case will be printed this week by the Government Printer, Rabbi Goren said. (Times)

More monks wanted for Santa Katerina

ATHENS (AFP). — Greek Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios of Sinai made an "urgent appeal" here yesterday for more money and monks for Santa Katerina Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai.

The Archbishop, who together with the dozen monks at the monastery constitutes an independent branch of the Greek church, claimed there were difficulties in maintaining the monastery since the Six Day War. He asked church authorities in particular for 14 more monks, saying it was difficult at present to keep an eye on the Israeli scientific parties visiting the monastery. Israeli control of Sinai made it impossible to recruit new monks in Egypt, he added.

Meanwhile, the military government announced on Friday that the monastery will be closed to visitors from January 6 to 9 and from January 18 to 22. The first period covers the Greek Orthodox Christmas, and the second the Armenian.

Quake

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new glass and marble structure was said to be badly damaged but the runways were said to be safe. Only relief planes were allowed to land and all commercial flights were diverted to other Central American countries.

Managua, a lakeside city in a country of volcanoes, suffered its last severe earthquake in 1981, when thousands were killed or injured.

Most of the damage yesterday was reported in the central section of the city. The Presidential Palace was said to be damaged, as was the Hotel Inter-Continental. Edward Hughes, the mysterious millionaire, is thought to be living on the seventh floor of the Inter-Continental, but there was no report of his situation.

The Nicaraguan Red Cross was transmitting calls for aid to neighbouring Central American countries. Aid poured toward the city from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama and El Salvador. The U.S. rushed in medical supplies, doctors and medical personnel from Panama City to aid in the disaster.

Nicaragua is the biggest state of Central America with a population of about two million. U.S. and Canadian companies mine gold and silver in the state. A 1967 census estimated the population of the capital of Managua at 300,000. A 1969 estimate put the population at around 325,000. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Irwin: Mission on moon was unique religious experience

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Astronaut James Irwin, who walked on the moon as part of the Apollo-15 mission in 1971, came to the Holy Land on Friday to tell of being confronted by "God's presence" as he ascended into the heavens.

Addressing an overflow crowd in the West Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. on Friday night, Col. Irwin said that the moon voyage had changed him from a test pilot and "nuts and bolts" technician into a man with a personal mission — to share with mankind a unique religious experience. "I spend most of my time now talking people how it (a space flight) changes your life."

Narrating a 20-minute NASA colour film of the Apollo-15 flight, Col. Irwin described how he and his two fellow astronauts, Al Worden and Dave Scott, watched the earth rapidly recede behind them as they soared into space. Within four hours it was a sphere the size of a basketball hanging in the blackness of space. Soon it was no bigger than a golf ball. "To see it shrink like that has to truly change a person — to make him truly appreciate everything we have on earth, the creation of God and the love He has for all of us."

Col. Irwin is travelling with three American choirs on a tour which has taken them to several countries in the area, including Jordan; from where they came over the Allenby Bridge. The choirs, totalling 200 voices, followed Col. Irwin's talk at the Y.M.C.A. with a rendering of Handel's Messiah. They are to sing tonight, Christmas Eve, in Bethlehem's Manger Square where



Astronaut James Irwin on Friday presented Tourism Minister Moshe Kol with a picture of the Apollo-15 astronauts landing on the moon.

Col. Irwin will address the crowd at 8.30 p.m.

Col. Irwin is among a number of astronauts who have returned from the moon to take up new-found religious or humanitarian callings. The former Air Force officer quit the astronaut programme and became a travelling lay preacher on the Southern Baptist evangelist circuit, calling himself the "moon missionary." Astronaut Worden has taken to writing poetry.

In a talk that mixed evangelism with a straightforward description of the space flight, Col. Irwin told

the audience how he and his colleagues had been strapped to their couches in the space ship by technicians who then tapped them farewell on the shoulder, leaving the astronauts to their thoughts for the three hours it took to get to the moon. "We felt all that tremendous not being released beneath the hood. It was a moment of supreme tension. There was a complete relief of tension. It was almost the happiest moment of my life. After the years of waiting, we were last leaving the earth."

Through the window of the space ship, the three travellers could see a breathtakingly beautiful view of the earth: the continents, the blue of the Mediterranean. "We saw the sea for the first time with the eyes God had realized how much loved all of us," said Col. Irwin.

The feeling of intimacy with Creator was intensified once it stepped out on the moon. "God's presence there closer than ever felt it on earth." Despite intensive training they had undergone, Col. Irwin said, the astronauts were frequently confronted with unexpected situations for which no answer had been provided to them. "When a difficult situation comes up, I gave a quick, silent prayer to God and the answer was there. The astronauts had been told beforehand to look for a whitish tinge of rock that might be one of earliest in the universe. Although thick layer of dust covered moon's surface, Col. Irwin said, it found the "Genesis Rock" also free of dust sitting on a rock pedestal "as if to say 'Here am I, T me.' The experience of the flight said Col. Irwin, had imbued with the need to share with his fellow men not only what he saw, but what he had felt."

Col. Irwin, who is accompanied by his wife and four children, brought with him a small Israeli flag that was among those that accompanied Apollo-15 to the moon. He is to present it to Premier Golda Meir.

At a luncheon on Friday, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol presented Irwin with a silver Pilgrim's Medal with the inscription, "Thy Shall Love Thy Neighbour as I self."

Syrian threat to kill Jews 'secretly'

Syrian authorities have tortured and threatened to kill members of their country's Jewish community, two Jewish refugees said in an interview broadcast yesterday from London by Israel Radio.

The refugees, an unidentified man and woman, said they reached Britain clandestinely last week. Speaking in Arabic, they said each day a number of young Syrian Jews "are brought to the offices of the Security Police and spend about five days there for questioning. When they are released from jail they go straight to the hospital with many signs of torture on their bodies."

The two said many of the country's 4,500 Jews subsist on financial assistance from relatives in the West. "The cash drafts are checked by censorship officials who keep a good part of the money themselves," the refugees asserted.

Urge marking of Leningrad trial today

A Foreign Ministry official, Mr. Shmuel Divon, told a Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper audience on Friday evening that eight Syrian Jews and eight others in Iraq remain in jail. He said a ninth Iraqi Jew, Avraham Zayeg, had been found dead in his home.

Mr. Divon, a political adviser to Foreign Minister Abba Eban, said that thanks to international efforts all Jews who were imprisoned in Egypt have now been released. "Only a few hundred Jews are now left in Egypt, for persons of these reasons, have not made use of the opportunity which was offered to them to emigrate," Mr. Divon said.

Galili: Israel won't benefit from fighting in Indochina

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Minister without Portfolio Israel Galili on Friday rejected the suggestion that Israel could benefit from the continuation of fighting in Vietnam.

Speaking to the Bar Association luncheon club at Beit Hapraikim here, the minister said:

"Israel does not tie in its national interests with the outbreak of war in any part of the world. On the contrary, we see our interests as intrinsically linked to peace. For all anti-Jewish and anti-Israel pressures intensify with war, I am considering this matter not only from a purely humanitarian viewpoint but from the narrow aspect of Israel's national interests. It is entirely untrue that our orientation is to escalation of hostilities in Vietnam. What is correct is quite to the contrary."

Stating he could see no alternative to the government's policies, Mr. Galili said, in connection with likely outside pressures, that as long as Israel remained firm on certain basic issues, there was no reason the government should not show flexibility on secondary matters.

Israel was perfectly capable of standing up to both political and military pressures, he said. "We have to be honest with ourselves and

realistic. Although victory is assured, we do not want war because it will involve heavy casualties," Mr. Galili said.

He noted that the Air Force had utilized the cease-fire period to arm itself with military answers to the sophisticated missiles in Egyptian hands along the Suez Canal.

Israel was interested in peace negotiations with Jordan, mainly because it wished to solve the specific problems of the Arab population in areas formerly under Jordan rule — an issue which did not exist in Israel-Egypt relations. He singled out positive elements of Hussein's rule: the Eastern front had not been revived against Israel, Iraqi and Syrian troops no longer threatened Israel from across the Jordan, Hussein had crushed the terrorists and the border with Jordan was quiet.

But Mr. Galili emphasized that the reason why there were no talks with Jordan was only because Jordan did not wish to hold separate peace talks with Israel and that Jordan's conditions were unacceptable to Israel.

He expounded the government's middle-road programme, arguing both against the maximalists and the minimalists — those who wished to retain the present status quo ("the Suez Canal is not a peace border") and those who sought return

to the status quo ante that caused the war.

However this did not mean that Israel, while not pulling back to defensible borders until real peace was assured, should remain idle in the territories. Mr. Galili, who is chairman of the Cabinet settlement committee, spoke of creating facts that would ensure Israel's security interests.

Talking of establishing new towns, Mr. Galili noted that Kiryat Arba and Sharm e-Sheikh were under construction. He spoke of government discussions about setting up an urban centre in the Rafah approach. "Its aim will be to provide services for the villages that will rise there and also for the Israel forces stationed there. I trust the Cabinet will adopt a positive decision in this connection shortly," he stated.

Mr. Galili spoke of the Rafah approach as "a most essential region for the future and security of the State of Israel."

J'lem asked to clarify Allon remarks on M.E. plan

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The State Department has asked Israel to clarify recent remarks by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon about his proposal for a Middle East peace settlement, reliable sources said here yesterday.

Mr. Allon told news correspondents during his visit to Washington earlier this month that he proposed a plan for Israel and Egypt to hold simultaneous negotiations on both a partial and an overall settlement of the conflict.

The State Department reportedly wants to know whether Israel has changed its stand about holding negotiations on an interim settlement with Egypt. The U.S. has proposed a partial settlement to the dispute based on reopening the Suez Canal, a plan agreed to by Israel. Egypt has not turned down the U.S. proposal.

The sources said U.S.-Israel policy has been aimed at leaving Egypt one way out of the present impasse: negotiations on reopening the Suez Canal. Hints that Israel was willing to consider other kinds of negotiations at the same time only bewildered the situation, U.S. officials are said to believe.

It is learned that Mr. Allon did not discuss his proposal in his talks with Secretary of State Rogers and the future Secretary of Defence Elliot Richardson. He mentioned it only twice — in his press conference here and on his return to Israel on December 14.

Immigration from West dropping

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — Of the 57,000 immigrants coming to Israel this year, 32,000 are from the Soviet Union, Arye Pincus, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, told the Industrial and Commercial Club here on Friday.

Mr. Pincus said that immigration from the U.S. and Canada dropped to 7,000 from the peak of 10,000 in previous years.

Mr. Pincus warned against "protest fatigue" in the fight for free emigration from Russia. The number of applications for exit visas to Israel is four or five times the number of those who leave.

More monks wanted for Santa Katerina

ATHENS (AFP). — Greek Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios of Sinai made an "urgent appeal" here yesterday for more money and monks for Santa Katerina Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai.

The Archbishop, who together with the dozen monks at the monastery constitutes an independent branch of the Greek church, claimed there were difficulties in maintaining the monastery since the Six Day War. He asked church authorities in particular for 14 more monks, saying it was difficult at present to keep an eye on the Israeli scientific parties visiting the monastery. Israeli control of Sinai made it impossible to recruit new monks in Egypt, he added.

Meanwhile, the military government announced on Friday that the monastery will be closed to visitors from January 6 to 9 and from January 18 to 22. The first period covers the Greek Orthodox Christmas, and the second the Armenian.

Crew blocks ship's garage

HAIFA. — Crew members of the m.s. Dan angrily blocked the Friday's garage on her arrival on Friday evening and prevented the 50 passengers who had brought cars with them from taking the vehicles ashore.

The action came after the customs authorities informed them that because of the Sabbath they would be unable to clear their "seamen's imports" until today.

The ship, carrying 230 passengers including 60 immigrants, arrived from Europe at about 4.30 p.m. just as the Sabbath began. She was seven hours behind schedule due to bad weather at sea.

Crew members had piled their "imports" at the garage exit as it is their custom, in order to get off immediately upon arrival and clear their goods. But, because of the advent of the Sabbath, the customs informed them that due to the large quantity of goods they were bringing the check would be delayed until today. The customs men did clear the passengers' luggage, but were unwilling to spend more time on the seamen's goods, especially as the ship is staying here until tomorrow, a customs spokesman said.

In protest the crew members stayed put at the garage exit, blocking the cars. As a result 40 of the arriving passengers stayed on board over the Sabbath, together with 30 immigrants who, for religious reasons, did not wish to depart.

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Bombings shatter truce in Ulster

BELFAST (AP). — A minute after the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) truce was scheduled to start at midnight two bombs blasted a Masonic Hall in the Antrim Road of Belfast yesterday.

Later a gunman fired at a British soldier in a Roman Catholic area of the city. An Army spokesman said the soldier was on foot patrol at the junction of Springfield and Kashmir Roads. A high velocity bullet whistled past his head and ricocheted off a wall.

The Nationalist "Provisional" Wing of the I.R.A. said in announcing its 72-hour truce that it would take up arms immediately if troops carried out search and arrest operations.

The truce, similar to one proclaimed last Christmas, came after one of the bloodiest 48 hours in the province's communal strife. Gunmen killed nine persons and bombs damaged property in major towns including Belfast. In three years of guerrilla warfare 678 lives have been lost.

Despite the truce the Ulster Defence Association (U.D.A.), a militant Protestant vigilante group, refused to join in the ceasefire due to end at midnight Christmas Day.

"We don't see why we should," said the U.D.A.'s deputy leader, Tommy Herron. "They started the whole mess. People guilty of atrocities will always be sought out at any time and brought to justice."

Danish F.M. thinks Israel would bargain

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen returned from a five-day visit to Israel on Friday and said he had received the impression that Israeli leaders want peace and negotiations.

Mr. and Mrs. Andersen arrived by Swissair from Lod.

Andersen met with Prime Minister Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban a month after he paid a similar visit to Egypt.

"It's my impression Israel is willing to bargain, even to pay a price to get a lasting peace. But they are not going to sit down at the table with the outcome a foregone conclusion," Andersen told newsmen at Kastrup Airport.

Admitting the Jarring mission is in a "deadlock," Andersen said: "It only they (the two parties in the Middle East conflict) could agree on the procedure to open talks, I'm sure a solution is in sight."

On the question of Jewish immigration, Andersen said: "It was my impression the Israeli leaders wanted Denmark to continue to use direct and internal channels to influence the various countries — without a lot of publicity."

Andersen said Denmark's membership in the European Common Market from January 1 made no change in its relations to Israel.

"We are in opposition to the other EEC countries as far as recent votes in the United Nations are concerned but there will be no change in our standpoint. In fact if other EEC countries, and France in particular, would change their views, then the chances of peace in the Middle East would improve."

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"Le Monde" referred also to the arrest of two armed Israelis near Hamechari's apartment in the days preceding the explosion.

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Members of a Chilean rescue patrol with one of the men who survived for two months after an Uruguayan plane had crashed in the Andes. (AP radiophoto)

Rescued two months after air crash

SANTIAGO, Chile. — Two helicopters yesterday rescued the last eight of 16 survivors from the site of a Uruguayan Air Force plane which crashed high in the Andes on October 13, the Chilean Air Force said yesterday.

Doctors reported late on Friday that the first group of eight rescued were "in surprisingly good condition."

The eight were picked up in the morning by two Chilean Air Force helicopters and flown to San Fernando, a small town, 120 km. south of Santiago, for hospitalization.

By the early evening, they looked so well that parents and other next of kin who flew in from Uruguay, were allowed to see them for a quarter of an hour.

Dr. Jose Mele, a member of the medical team attending them, told newsmen: "Except for a few minor injuries common in such cases, none of them suffered any serious harm."

The other eight spent the night in the wreck of the plane.

The Chilean Air Force helicopters were forced to suspend the rescue because of weather conditions. They had braved severe turbulence to reach the survivors, more than 12,000 feet up in the Andes, near the Argentine border. (AP, UPI)

ACADEMIC IS NEW HEAD OF C.I.A.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Dr. James Rohny Schlesinger is to succeed Richard Helms as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary, said on Friday.

President Nixon will nominate Helms as Ambassador to Iran.

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'Israelis may be behind Paris bomb attack'

PARIS (Reuters). — The independent newspaper "Le Monde" suggested on Friday that "the Israeli secret services" might be behind the recent bomb attack on a Palestinian representative here.

It said that the attack apparently marked the end of a tacit agreement between Israelis and Palestinians not to battle against each other on French territory.

Referring to a bomb explosion, which seriously injured Palestinian representative Mahmoud el Ham-

chari in his apartment on December 8, "Le Monde" said: "The inquiry carried out by the police has reached a dead end, but the main presumptions of responsibility fall on the Israeli secret services."

"The attack of which Mr. Hamchari was the victim seems in any case to indicate that France has ceased to be the 'no-man's-land' where Israelis and Palestinians abstain from fighting each other."

Hamchari was injured when he picked up his telephone and set off a bomb apparently connected to it. The newspaper dismissed as unlikely the possibility that he had been picked out as a target by rival Arab groups or hostile Jordanians.

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"Le Monde" referred also to the arrest of two armed Israelis near Hamechari's apartment in the days preceding the explosion.

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'Block watchers' to fight N.Y. crime

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A small army of civilians will soon be joining police patrolmen in the watch for burglaries and muggings along the streets of New York.

The Association for a Better New York has announced plans to enlist doorman and superintendents of apartment blocks to act as "block watchers."

They will be asked to watch their street and immediately call the police as soon as they see anything suspicious.

The association's chairman, Mr. Lewis Rudin, said the group hoped to enroll more than 2,000 building owners and invites them to contribute funds and volunteer the services of their employees to make the idea work.

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Turkish professor gets six years

ANKARA (Reuters). — Professor Ugur Alacakaptan, former dean of Ankara University's Law Faculty, was sentenced to a total of six years and four months imprisonment by a martial law court yesterday for supporting anarchistic activities at the faculty.

The professor was also permanently banned from holding public employment — a ruling which means he can never again teach in a Turkish institution — and ordered to spend one year and 11 months' exile in the remote eastern town of Artvin on completion of his prison term.

The court also handed out jail sentences to three others for alleged involvement in the student riots between 1969 and 1971.

The riots, coupled with mounting urban guerrilla activity, led to the imposition of martial law in 11 key provinces in April 1971 and subsequent imprisonment and dismissal of hundreds of leftwing sympathizers.

Dialogue plan for Cairo students

CAIRO (Reuters). — A week of political dialogue will start at Cairo University — scene of recent student agitation — tomorrow, when officials will answer students' questions.

This was decided by the university students' union at an urgent session here on Friday, the weekly newspaper "Al-Nahar el Yom" said yesterday.

Yesterday's report was the first reference in the Egyptian press to conflicts involving two rival groups of students at the university last week.

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Season at half-way mark
Ramat Gan Hakoah
regains League lead

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
L. AVIV. — With the National League football season at the half-way mark, Hakoah of Ramat Gan regained the League leadership from Tel Aviv Hapoel...

Zvi Farkas suspended until next week. Jaffa Maccabi's centre forward Naftali Hirsch was injured in the 90th minute, and was replaced by Pinhas Kneemlich. Haifa Hapoel returned to Kiryat Eliezer playing a new formation of 4-3-3, which showed immediate rewards...

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Jerusalem Hapoel's first defeat in nine years. At the other end of the table, Marmorek scored their first win of the season, beating Hapoel 1:0 thanks to a penalty kick in the 70th minute. The result leaves these clubs in last two places in the table...

WIN OF DAY
Hakoah 1:0 Hapoel

thirteen thousand fans at the stadium saw Hakoah, Yehoshua Feigenbaum, pull off the win of the day. Their centre forward Romano scored a hat-trick, his two goals coming already in the third and fifth minutes. The first goal came from the penalty spot...

LEADING ROLE
Patah Tikva Maccabi returned to a leading role in championship affairs...

At the Y.M.C.A. stadium in Jerusalem, 4,000 saw the home side miss many fine scoring chances against Haifa Maccabi, which played a tight defensive game. The Haifa goalkeeper, Benyamin Weinberg, played a major role in saving his side a point.

CHANCES MISSED
Marmorek Hapoel and Patah Tikva Hapoel put on an exciting game for 3,000 fans in Rehovot...

In the 70th minute Maccabi captain Zvi Rosen levelled the scores from the penalty spot, after Hapoel goalkeeper Shmuel David caught hold of Maim Nimni. Thirteen thousand saw the game at Bloomfield Stadium.



Bejerano, Tel Aviv Hapoel's goalie, looks on helplessly as the ball enters the net from the boot of Romano, not seen, for Shimshon's fourth goal.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Goals, Points. Lists various teams and their performance in the National League.

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Caesarea Golf

CASESAREA. — Yesterday's Betterball Stableford competition was won by Vernon Gad of Haifa and Elias Hason of Givatayim with 43 points.

Maccabi world chiefs meet

JERUSALEM POST Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — The Executive of the Maccabi World Union last night began a plenary meeting at Kfar Hamaocah here. Some 30 delegates, hailing from nearly 15 countries on every continent, are taking part in this annual gathering which is also being attended by a dozen prominent young Maccabi members who are seen as future leaders of the worldwide movement.

Arsenal and Leeds both drop a point
Liverpool open 2-point gap at top of table

LONDON (Reuter). — Crisis club Manchester United welcomed new manager Tommy Docherty by snatching a priceless point in a one-one draw against powerful Leeds United in their English football league First Division match yesterday. And only a last minute equalizer by Leeds' England international Allan Clarke deprived United of a victory which would have been the best possible Christmas present for Docherty.

Table titled 'English League Division 1 Standing' showing team names, points, and other statistics.

FINAL RUGBY TRIAL HELD IN CAPITAL

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
Israel's Probables scored a handsome 26-6 victory over the Possibles in the local rugby football union's third and final trial for next week's tour here of the Cyprus Lions, a British Army rugby team based on the island. National selectors and coaches Ben Cameron and Cotter will later this week announce Israel's first and second teams to meet the tourists, who will complete their itinerary with a fixture against the Combined Universities.

DOCHERTY JOINS MANCHESTER UNITED

Tommy Docherty, one of the most controversial figures in British soccer, has been signed by Manchester United as manager in place of Frank O'Farrell who was sacked on Tuesday. Docherty, who has managed seven teams since quitting the game as a player 10 years ago, is at present in charge of the Scottish National team and has transferred them from a shambles into a side with flair and attractiveness that has a real chance of qualifying for the 1974 World Cup Finals in Munich.

Slow bowlers dominate first Test in India

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — India plunged back into trouble after the gleefully wistful spin of Bhagwat Chandra's first over, which, with an even chance against England in the first test here yesterday. The third day of the match again belonged to the slow bowlers as first Chandrasekhar, with career-best test figures of eight for 80, and then England's Derek Underwood tormented the batsmen. Chandrasekhar's vicious top spin and nagging length gave him all four England wickets to fall yesterday before the touring team was all out for 200 to lead by 27 runs on the first innings.

German Jews donate to Wingate

JERUSALEM POST Reporter
TEL AVIV. — German Jewry has made a donation of IL600,000 to the Wingate Institute of Sport and Physical Education for the building of modern accommodation for national teams. The new building will be completed by July 1973, for use during the Ninth Maccabiah games, and will include 36 air-conditioned double rooms.

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Large advertisement for DAN HOTELS. Features the headline 'Dance your way into 1973 at the DAN HOTELS' and lists various hotel locations and amenities.

Stalin's death — and the aftermath

MOSCOW (UPI). — There was a universal atmosphere of fear and oppression in the nation the night in March, 1953, when I learned that Josef Stalin was dying.

About midnight March 3, I was called to the telephone at the central telegraph office and asked to meet a friend around the corner. Avoiding the attention of other correspondents also in the office, I sneaked out of the building to meet the friend who brought the earth-shaking news — Stalin had suffered a stroke which at his age, 74, could be fatal. He had survived two other strokes.

I rushed back to the telegraph office, ordered urgent calls to London and several other points which I was prepared to hold all night, if necessary, and prepared six flash messages to New York.

I gently approached the girl receptionist before my competitors could notice and made a little speech, "I am sorry to give you this but it comes from a good source and it cannot be helped."

I said. The girl's reaction was biological and instantaneous. She tore my messages into bits and flung them in my face. Such was the mystique of Stalin's personality and his hold on peoples' psyches that the girl, a member of the Komsomol (Young Communist League), like most of her contemporaries seemed to believe Stalin to be immortal.

I could not send the story until several hours later when it was officially announced. The next few weeks were sleepless. Late in the evening of March 5 I was advised of Stalin's death hours ahead of the official announcement. Again the hopeless task of outwitting the censors.

I had kept an open line to London and whenever I uttered the word Stalin I was cut off. Luckily, one of our ace writers and editors, Bob Musel, was holding the London side of the line. After abortive attempts to communicate the news for which the entire world was waiting I tried a stratagem.

The next time Musel picked up the telephone I did not tell, I asked: "you know what happened, Bob?" "Stalin died?" he responded. I just had the split second to say "yes" when the line was cut. But Musel who, like me, had been on the job for days, did the rest. We were hours ahead of the official confirmation.

The immediate Soviet reaction to Stalin's death was shock, grief and worry. It was not to last too long. But the first few days before and after the funeral, March 9, people did weep on the streets. Molotov, whose Jewish wife was in prison — she had been arrested for having been too friendly with Golda Meir — broke down and wept at the

When Josef Stalin died, an atmosphere of oppression, fear and terror pervaded the Soviet Union. Yet he was almost deified by the nation. In this sixth instalment of his personal account of four decades as a reporter in Moscow, Henry Shapiro writes about Stalin's death, and the events which followed.

final obsequies. So did many men, women and children. "What will happen to us now that Comrade Stalin is dead, will America attack us?" I heard Russians ask. Stalin had been the "friend and protector" for about three decades. He had been built up in popular imagination as the savior of all good. The sun rose and set with Stalin and many could not think of life without him. The popular anxiety was also expressed in the appeal to the nation by the triumvirate that took immediate power — Premier Georgi M. Malenkov, Vice Premier Molotov and Lavrenti Beria. "To avoid panic and disarray." To this day no one has satisfactorily explained what they meant by that phrase.

How fragile the Stalin legend was became obvious soon after the funeral. On March 23 there was an article in "Izvestia," the government newspaper, praising Karl Marx for his "modesty" and for his repudiation of all efforts to idolize him.

People raised their eyebrows when they read that the adulation or deification of man was "a Fascist personality cult." The euphemistic phase "personality cult" was born.

Stalin's name was not mentioned by "Izvestia," but Russians who for decades had been used to reading between the lines knew exactly who had practised the "personality cult" and what the words meant. As if by magic, the atmosphere rapidly improved. Old Russian friends who had shunned me for years and gone into hiding (from me) unexpectedly showed up and were as warm and friendly as Russians can be among themselves.

It was no accident the American and British embassies, located across the street and river from the Kremlin, and which had been given notice before Stalin's death to move to more remote areas, were told they could stay put. It was clearly the end of an epoch and the beginning of a new one.

When Lenin died in 1924 there was relatively little doubt about his successor. During his long, incapacitating illness the Soviet founder had singled out the men he considered the ablest Communists — War Commissar Leon Trotsky and Party Secretary-General Joseph V. Stalin. He also described the weaknesses of each, criticizing them severely and recommending neither of them succeed him. Almost on his deathbed he suggested the removal of Stalin.

But by then Stalin had so entrenched himself with the party apparatus, which Trotsky had antagonized, that the succession was almost automatic. Stalin, through a system of alliances with other pretenders to leadership, using one group against another, then discrediting his former allies, amassed dictatorial power by 1934.



Red Army marshals, carrying Stalin's medals and decorations on ceremonial red pillows, form ranks beside honour guard at Stalin's bier. From left: First two unidentified, Meretskov, Timoshenko, Konev, Gorovov, Sokolovsky and Budenyev.

The situation was quite different after Stalin's death. There was no clearly designated successor. There had been no Communist Congress, constitutionally the party's supreme ruling body, for 13 years, until October, 1952, about five months before Stalin died. Stalin did not bother to deliver the main report to the Congress as he had always done before and entrusted the job to his top aide, Georgi M. Malenkov. To many observers this was sufficient to consider Malenkov the heir-apparent. To others the 51-year-old Malenkov was thought neither old nor experienced enough to take over the mantle of leadership. Old Bolshevik Vyacheslav M. Molotov, who won his revolutionary laurels under Lenin and had become Stalin's most intimate associate, was thought the logical successor.

Khrushchev 'obscure'
No one even mentioned the name of the obscure Nikita S. Khrushchev who, although a Russian, had spent most of his life in the Ukraine and, as a result of Stalin's purges, had risen rapidly in the party ranks. Malenkov took over both of Stalin's jobs — the premiership and party secretaryship — making him nominally at least the new Vozhd (supreme leader).

Among the first to hail the new chief and pledge allegiance to the leadership of the Communist camp under Comrade Malenkov was Chien Kuo Tsung, who, although long at loggerheads with him, had always been in awe of and still revered Stalin. Actually, the country was ruled by an informal triumvirate consisting of Malenkov, Molotov and security chief Lavrenti Beria. The trio delivered funeral orations for Stalin and jointly issued policy statements and decrees.

It was immediately obvious to Moscow observers that the Troika did not trust one another and its sway would be temporary. The leaders had apparently learned enough from their experience under Stalin to fear the concentration of supreme power in one man's hand. Furthermore, Molotov and Malenkov had reasons to be anxious about Beria who not only controlled all the secret police dossiers, but had an army of his own with which he could easily have seized absolute power.

It was no surprise then that on March 14, nine days after Stalin's death, Malenkov "resigned" from the party secretaryship. This was the first attack against the resumption of the one-man rule, a policy which prevails to this day. His place was taken by seemingly "safe" Nikita Khrushchev, to whom the trio turned over the party reins in the apparent belief he either would be a harmless rubber stamp or they could control him. They thereby signed their political

death warrants. Khrushchev was to outwit and overthrow them all. Early that summer the Moscow grapevine, which had shrivelled considerably under Stalin — but had been reinvigorated since his death — brought reports of trouble with Beria. According to East Europeans who had reasons to know, the Soviet Army General Staff — by accident learned that one or two divisions under Beria's command, under the guise of manoeuvres were approaching Moscow. Deadly phrases such as "planning a coup" were bandied about. Uncheckable rumours of Beria's arrest were widespread. One day we heard a report the Central Committee had met night-long on Beria's case. Rumours grew. That Beria was in trouble seemed to be clinched one Saturday night when the entire ruling Party Presidium (Politburo), as it demagogically, showed up at the Bolshoi Theatre. All members but Beria.

The joint attendance at the Bolshoi without Beria showed not only that something was seriously wrong with the most dreaded man in the country but also connoted a declaration of unity under the remaining triumvirate, Molotov and Malenkov. The censors, of course, saw to it that my story about this did not get out.

Beria's arrest
The arrest of Beria on charges of plotting to seize power, espionage, criminal abuse of police power and sabotage of the economy was confirmed officially a few days later. How the most powerful man in the country could be so easily arrested — then executed — without provoking a blood bath was a question that troubled us here at the time. I was not to learn the true story until several years later, most of it from the mouth of Khrushchev himself and confirmed by other sources.

Briefly: at the very outset of the triumvirate rule, Beria sought to usurp increased power for himself. Khrushchev complained that he, the First Secretary of the Communist Party, had no effective authority with Beria and his secret police. Fearing the emergence of another one-man dictatorship, all other members of the Politburo agreed to arrest Beria. To do it they requested the help of the army and some anti-Beria elements of the security services.

Nikolai Bulganin was Defence Minister and Marshal Georgi Zhukov his first deputy. Also in on the deal was Marshal Kirill Moskalenko, commander of the Moscow military garrison who had once placed taken by seemingly "safe" Nikita Khrushchev, to whom the trio turned over the party reins in the apparent belief he either would be a harmless rubber stamp or they could control him. They thereby signed their political

guards under control of Beria, by riding with Bulganin from his office at the General Staff outside the Kremlin. As Defence Minister Bulganin, wearing a Marshal's uniform, and his passengers drove past the guards into the Presidium's conference room. Party Secretary Khrushchev had called a routine meeting of the Presidium which the unsuspecting Beria was to attend. Bulganin and his officers arrived, minutes earlier, the officers taking their position in a room next to the conference room. Beria arrived and, according to custom, left his personal bodyguards at the entrance to the main floor.

No sooner were the Presidium seated than Malenkov stood up to read a resolution on behalf of the Government and the Central Committee accusing Beria of high crimes and misdemeanours and ordering his arrest. When Beria stood up to protest Malenkov pressed a button and instantly Zhukov, Moskalenko and other officers walked in, disarmed him, escorted him to Bulganin's car and took him to the guardhouse of a unit under Moskalenko's command where he was held until his trial and execution in December. (Next: The Rise of Nikita Khrushchev.)

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Costa Rica needs a Histadrut

By Lea Levavi
Jerusalem Post Reporter

COSTA Rica's ambassador to Israel, Carmen Naranjo, wishes the country's workers had an organization like our Histadrut. "It does workers a great deal of good and does important things for the country, too."

Mrs. Naranjo, a divorcee with no children, has always been interested in fighting for social improvements in her country. Though she studied zoology and philology, has written poetry and novels and has taught literature, she inevitably returns to being a social reformer. She is now on leave of absence for two years from her job as administrative manager of Costa Rica's national security system.



CARMEN NARANJO

United Nations debates — Mrs. Naranjo is sure relations could be even better. She would like to try to increase commercial relations, and is positive cultural exchange can and will be broadened.

But Mrs. Naranjo is also interested in really getting to know Israelis. "You can't do that at tea parties or cocktail parties. You have to talk to people on the streets, get acquainted with your neighbors and try to get to know the people who come to the embassy."

Through short articles for the Costa Rican press, the ambassador is trying to bring something of Israel to the Costa Rican people. "I wrote about Hanukkah for instance. I think that if you learn another country's traditions and customs, you can love that country better."

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Her stay here, she hopes, can help her continue her work for social betterment in Costa Rica. "It is a poor country, far less developed than Israel. (Costa Rica, population about two million, has always claimed to be the only Latin American country which has consistently spent more money on education than on defence; it has a long tradition of democracy, and its history has been one of constitutional government instead of military juntas or dictators.)"

She hopes Israel can help her country in agriculture and she would also like to see Costa Rica copy certain of our ideas and organizations — such as the Histadrut.

Costa Rican women are still having difficulty obtaining high-level positions, she said, but she is sure increased education will help solve the problem. "Without education, women can only demand equality — they can't win it. But if men and women study together and later work together, I think the women will be able to show what they can do."

asked if I'd like to, and I said of course." Many people are shocked, she said, when they come to the embassy and see a woman. (The only other worker there is her secretary, Bethel.) "They ask me why my country sent a woman and I have to tell them the truth — that I don't know. But doesn't a woman have just as much right to be an ambassador as a man does?"

Though relations between Israel and Costa Rica have always been excellent — as evidenced by Costa Rica's all-out support for Israel in recent



Tei Aviv policewomen had a party last week with the children and their parents, at Beit Rovina, one of the Working Mother's Association day centres in Shekhanat Hatikva. (Gavriel-Israel Sun)

U.S. women's groups claim Nixon tokenism

WASHINGTON (AP). — WOMEN'S organizations requested a meeting with President Nixon Tuesday to learn why more women have not been appointed to high positions in his second Administration.

The representatives of 17 women's groups said they also want Nixon to define the duties and responsibilities of Anne Armstrong, who has just been named a White House Counsellor with Cabinet rank. "It's a very undefined job," said Virginia Mills, spokeswoman for the United Presbyterian Task Force for Women, at a news conference. "It sounds like a token appointment to me."

"Creating a special spot for a woman does not establish a climate of acceptability for women in this administration," said Olga Madar, a Vice-President of the United Auto Workers. "Instead it reeks of tokenism at its worst."

The participants in the news conference also expressed concern that Nixon had requested and accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Kowitz as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labour for women's programmes.

"To women in and out of government this is a real step backward for women," said Daisy E. Fields, representing federally employed women. "She made the women's bureau a household word and a highly respected organization. She has no peer."

Despite condemning it as tokenism, the women's groups said they were pleased with the appointment of Mrs. Armstrong, who is now Vice-Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and hoped Nixon would follow it up by naming more women to responsible jobs.



Anne Armstrong, only woman member of President Nixon's second term administration. (AP radiophoto)

But his record during the first four years of his Administration gives them little comfort, they said.

The Federation of Organizations for Professional Women said only two per cent of federal employees in supergrade positions are women, only one of 15 appointments to Federal Judgeships in the past four years has gone to a woman, and only three of the 125 ambassadors Nixon has appointed are women.

I don't know about this country, in my country big institutions very bureaucratic," she told me. I met her at her embassy in Jerusalem. "I reformed things in social security system by reining my staff to think about it and not about pieces of paper. I also personally see anyone asks to see the manager, even means I have to work from 8 in the morning till ten at night, not everything finished."

I took her present ambassadorial post "because our President

Dedication today of child development centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Dr. Harold and Ann Weinger Child Development Institute be dedicated at the Sheba Medical Centre (Tel Hashomer) today 1.30 a.m.

participating in the programme be Dr. Weinger, members of family, and Mr. Edward Ginsburg, Chairman of the American Distribution Committee, all whom are arriving from the Dr. Baruch Padeh, Director-General of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Shai Shani, Director of the Medical Centre, and Mrs. Ruth, chairman of the Friends of Sheba Centre, will be present a ceremony.

retarded, created by JDC Malben in 1963, as well as a neuro-metabolic disease study and treatment unit and a child development clinic.

The new institute is one of the seven centres initiated by JDC-Malben and which already exist in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Beer Sheva, while similar ones are being set up at the Assaf Harofeh and Ashdod Hospitals.

New York post office gets Santa Claus' mail

By Marc Charney
NEW YORK (AP). — A SEVEN-year-old girl in North-ern Ireland and another in the Irish Republic to the South have found they can reach Santa Claus at the same place — the general post office in New York.

In both cases, Santa went by

the name of Elyse Feldman, a high school teacher who is one of a number of New Yorkers who each year go to the post office, pick up batches of letters addressed to Santa, and answer them.

Last week she picked up a group of about 50, most of them from poor areas of New York, to bring to a party at which friends would match them with gifts.

In the batch was a letter from Anna Marie McIvor, 7 of Upper Mullan Ballinderry Bridge, Cookstown, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. And there was one from Ethna Joyce, 7, with a postmark identifying her town as Clifden, a coastal town about 50 miles west of Galway City.

Somewhat Miss Feldman said, both girls got the idea they could address mail to Santa through the New York Post Office. Anna is getting stationery and some toys and Ethna will get a doll, both with the return address: "Santa Claus, The North Pole."

The letters the little girls sent Santa were among thousands — most addressed to the North Pole — that are stored in a separate room at the General Post Office and distributed to groups and individuals who ask for them, the U.S. Postal Service said.

The 50 letters Miss Feldman gathered were answered at a party at her Manhattan apartment to which each of the 20 guests brought a bundle of toys.

at a cost of over IL1,000,000, institute is devoted to the early diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental handicaps in very young. It will house the big Assessment Centre for the

FIONA IN WONDERLAND

By Sue Cass
LONDON (FWF). — WHEN Lord Snowdon photographed 15-year-old Fiona Fullerton, he forecast that her delicate beauty would make her a "Face of the Seventies." By the end of this year, his prediction should have come true.



A giant Alice (Fiona Fullerton) talks to the diminutive White Rabbit (Michael Crawford) in the new film musical Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Fiona Fullerton is a cool, self-assured schoolgirl who has just completed her first starring role in Josef Shuffel's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" with an impressive galaxy of co-stars reading like a film world's Who's Who. There are Peter Sellers, Sir Ralph Richardson, Sir Robert Helpmann, Dame Flora Robson and Spike Milligan, Dudley Moore and Michael Crawford. "But it really doesn't make a scrap of difference to me whether I'm acting with Joe Blaggs or a grand theatre knight," declares grown-up Fiona, who is now on a world tour during her school's Christmas holidays, to promote the film.

Pressed further, Fiona does admit that it was rather exciting acting alongside Peter Sellers. The last time she saw him was when she asked his chauffeur to get his autograph for her at the age of nine.

"As Alice, Fiona is barely off the screen for 60 seconds during the two-hour long film. "The atmosphere on the set was marvelous," she continued. "When we shot the Mad Hatter's tea party, Peter Sellers was on a diet. As the March Hare he was given an enormous bowl of lettuce to munch and, when the camera focused on him for his first line, he was speechless. He was so hungry, he'd stuffed his whole face with lettuce. And then Dudley Moore as the Dormouse kept us all in hysterics as his false teeth continually

ter as his false teeth continually opened his mouth."

It may have been fun for Fiona. But for costume designer Anthony Mendleson, and special effects supervisor Roy Whybrow, the creation for the screen of the magical world of Lewis Carroll, with its weird and wonderful animals, was the most challenging experience of their film careers.

"The elaborate costumes are all based on the original Tenniel drawings which illustrated Alice in Wonderland" and "Alice Through the Looking Glass," and were very expensive costing over £80,000 to make. Anthony Mendleson points out that the stars themselves were a great help: "Many of them are half-way to looking like the characters they portray." Consider, for instance, cuddly Dudley Moore as the Dormouse, water-thin Robert Helpmann as the Mad Hatter, and Spike Milligan as Carroll's mythological gryphon.

INGENUOUS DEVICES
Devices like periscopes were built into costumes to enable actors to see where they were going when wearing their complicated masks. Many were limited to liquid lunches throughout the shooting, as I played Alice, it really was like the only way to reach their mouths while in costume was through a

straw. And as no known bird has feathers large enough for use on the big screen, human bodies were squeezed into the shape of birds with the aid of foam rubber padding covered with feathers made from stiff organs.

Many models are electronically controlled. The Cheshire Cat moves its tail to order by pressing a button inside the costume, and the pale pink flamingoes have gadgets built into their necks to make them turn round or drink at director William Sterling's orders.

Roy Whybrow's most difficult task was to produce a substance to enable Alice to emerge from the "pool of tears" bone dry. This was made from a special liquid which left her completely dry even after being immersed in water. "It really worked," said a wide-eyed Fiona, "but no one will say exactly how."

Now Alice from Wonderland is met again Lieutenant-Colonel Fullerton's daughter from Shrivensham, Whitehall, dreaming of the day when she'll be a full-time actress. Because "it would be big headed," chestnut-haired Fiona is not talking to her schoolfriends about her film experiences unless she's asked. "When I played Alice, it really was like stepping through a looking glass into the most magical wonderland."

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U.S. Air Force nurse wins battle

WASHINGTON. — THE U.S. Air Force gave up its two-year battle to discharge Capt. Susan Struck, the unmarried nurse who appealed to the Supreme Court to block her dismissal for giving birth.

In a brief statement, the Air Force said Capt. Struck, 28, of Louisville, Kentucky, has been granted a waiver allowing her to remain on active duty. She is stationed at an air force base in North Dakota.

The Air Force sought to discharge Miss Struck ever since she became pregnant while serving at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, in early 1970. Her baby, a girl, was born December 3, 1970, and was given up for adoption.

At the time, Air Force Regulations required automatic discharge

in the case of pregnancy regardless of marital status unless the pregnancy was terminated.

But in March 1971 the Regulations were modified to permit waivers. However, the service continued to press for Capt. Struck's dismissal and denied her waiver in June, 1971, while granting waivers to other women in similar circumstances.

Since the Regulations were modified, an Air Force spokesman said more than 200 women have received waivers.

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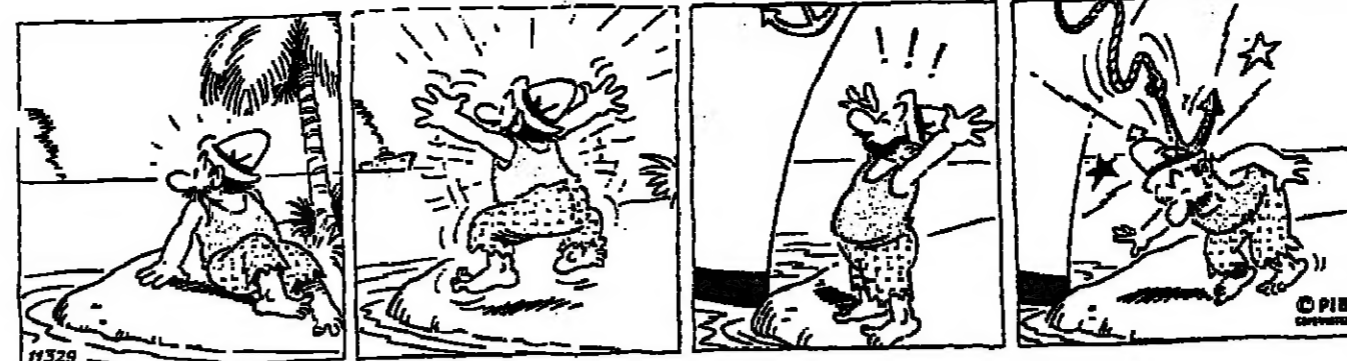
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How science-based industries operate

Science-based industries are our economic pets, but little is known about how they actually operate and grow. The prospectus published by Elicoin Ltd. for its recent share issue in the U.S. is therefore of interest to a wider circle than potential investors. As science-based industries go, Elicoin is a medium-sized company. Its balance sheet exceeds \$20m. and it has about 400 employees. It was established four years ago as a subsidiary of Elicon (controlled by the Discount Investment Corporation). Elicon, Elicon, Elicon and Elicon (of them added to LABE Corporation) held 60 per cent of Elicoin shares, while most of the rest is held by the company's employees as a group (most of it by Abraham Suhaimi, Elicoin's managing director).

After the American issue, the share of the controlling groups stood at just under 50 per cent, that of the company's employees to 27 per cent. Nevertheless, the insiders have retained their share in the company's profits, and the incentive to expand Elicoin's new shareholders (who hold 15 per cent of its equity) did for a share seven times its net book value and 23 times the price paid by the original shareholders. The company's achievements have been impressive enough, but it had hardly warranted such a price in a conventional industry, unless almost doubled in 1970-71, and then again in 1971-72 when it rose to the year ending March last, which made the after-profit (to \$11.2m.), so that it could up its dividend to 40 per cent of the nominal share value, seven, related to the new shares at a price its last dividend was one per cent. And yet, Elicoin is now quoted at 40 to 90 per cent above its issue price. To be in the first half of the current business year sales and profits had again compared with same period a year ago, and would still amount to, say, 1.5 cent earnings per the price quoted.

'RISK FACTORS'
It is evident confidence in Elicoin's potential is based on intangibles which are rightly used up in the chapter of the prospectus entitled "Risk Factors." The prospectus duly warns that "the company's business is dependent on its ability to attract and to a qualified technical personnel, and in great demand," and "substantially all the company's sales are of high cost, complex products or systems which readily fill the customers' needs for such products systems. The company's business is therefore dependent upon its ability to attract new customers and develop new products or systems."

In plain words, the company's money by running ahead common technological development, by foreseeing sophisticated and meeting it before its competitors succeed in solving the problem, past performance is of help for such a challenge. Matters in this respect is the company, but the human element of view this is a shaky element, a risk. However, American investors are said

Foreign Exchange
Friday's Interbank rates (London) are:

2.3465/75	per £
3.1760/85	per \$
3.7600/40	per \$
5.090/95	per \$
5.10875/11125	per \$
582.40/55	per \$
44.12/14	per \$
3.2275/85	per \$
300.90/301.10	per \$

Gold per ounce \$63.95/64.35

BANK INTEREST RATES
IN LONDON:

3 Months	4%	5 1/2%
6 Months	4%	5 1/2%
12 Months	4 1/2%	5 1/2%

Supplied by Japhet Bank Ltd.

The economics of Israel's science-based industries have always been something of a mystery, writes Economic Editor Moshe Ater. For one thing their major production factors are expertise and brains, and depreciation costs are negligible. A new prospectus issued by one of the industries throws some light on the operations of these firms.

to be crazy for risky ventures in order to jump on the bandwagon of future high chips. As a matter of fact, Elicoin's scope of operation is fairly broad. It includes four principal product lines: nuclear medical equipment, nuclear scientific instruments, equipment for document coding and processing, and power supply converters. The medical equipment is based on introducing radioactive pharmaceuticals into a patient's body, and using the rays emitted for obtaining a picture to aid in diagnosis, in particular concerning the body's soft tissues (together with X-ray instruments developed by the company include several measuring devices for nuclear research, for trace element detection in geological, mineralogical and biochemical samples, for analysis of composition of chemical and industrial samples, measurement of magnetic fields, etc.

DATA PROCESSING
In data processing, the company concentrates on equipment for optical recognition, sorting and retrieval of data. The power converters developed by Elicoin are for both high and low voltage, and are intended to adjust ordinary electric current to the special requirements of electronic instruments. Initially, two-thirds of the company's income came from sale of scientific instruments, and the rest from power converters, but of late nuclear medical equipment has accounted for half the total, and data processing equipment has also contributed a substantial share, with power converters falling behind. It goes without saying that Elicoin cannot evaluate the special merits of these products. But what matters is that some of them seem to belong to the most advanced types of the respective technical devices available to date. This puts the company in a strong marketing position on the world scene in those particular fields. Thus Elicoin's nuclear medical equipment has been chosen to be distributed and serviced in the U.S. and Canada by General Electric Co. under its own name. Elicoin is an acknowledged leader in the production of Moes-

U.S. banks raise loan rates

NEW YORK (AP). — Three banks raised the minimum cost of business borrowing to 6 per cent Friday, dealing a blow to the Nixon administration's efforts to control inflation.

First National City Bank, Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh and Citizens Southern National Bank of Atlanta all boosted the prime interest rate they charge on loans to their top corporate customers. They made the decision despite recent complaints by government spokesmen that rising interest rates were jeopardizing the administration's wage and price control program.

Bank of England hikes lending rate
LONDON (AP). — The Bank of England Friday raised its minimum lending rate to 9 per cent, its highest level since the outbreak of World War I over half a century ago. The move was designed ultimately to help curb British inflation, now running at one of the highest levels in Western Europe, nearly 10 per cent a year. Evidently, Friday's increase of one per cent in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate could make all mortgages, business and personal loans in this country more expensive.

neur equipment (based on a nuclear energy effect discovered only in 1968, and now gaining wide application as a research tool as well as for industrial and educational uses). Its optical readers and document converters are expected to find application in such important fields as automatic printing and mail sorting. As long as this technological dominance lasts, the company can quote prices calculated not only to cover its production costs, but also to ensure it handsome profits. One consequence of this economic structure is the company's dependence on exports. For a truly science-based industry the home market must be of secondary importance. In the case of Elicoin it accounted for one-half of the sales total in dollar terms. In the initial period, dropping to less than 30 per cent in the second quarter of 1972, and due to decline further as sales proceeds continue to grow. In pound terms it has been smaller than that, owing to the export premium which currently amounts to 21 per cent plus 2.4 per cent for export promotion. Of course, most of Elicoin's exports go to countries which possess and require the highest technical standards, that is, to West Europe and the U.S.

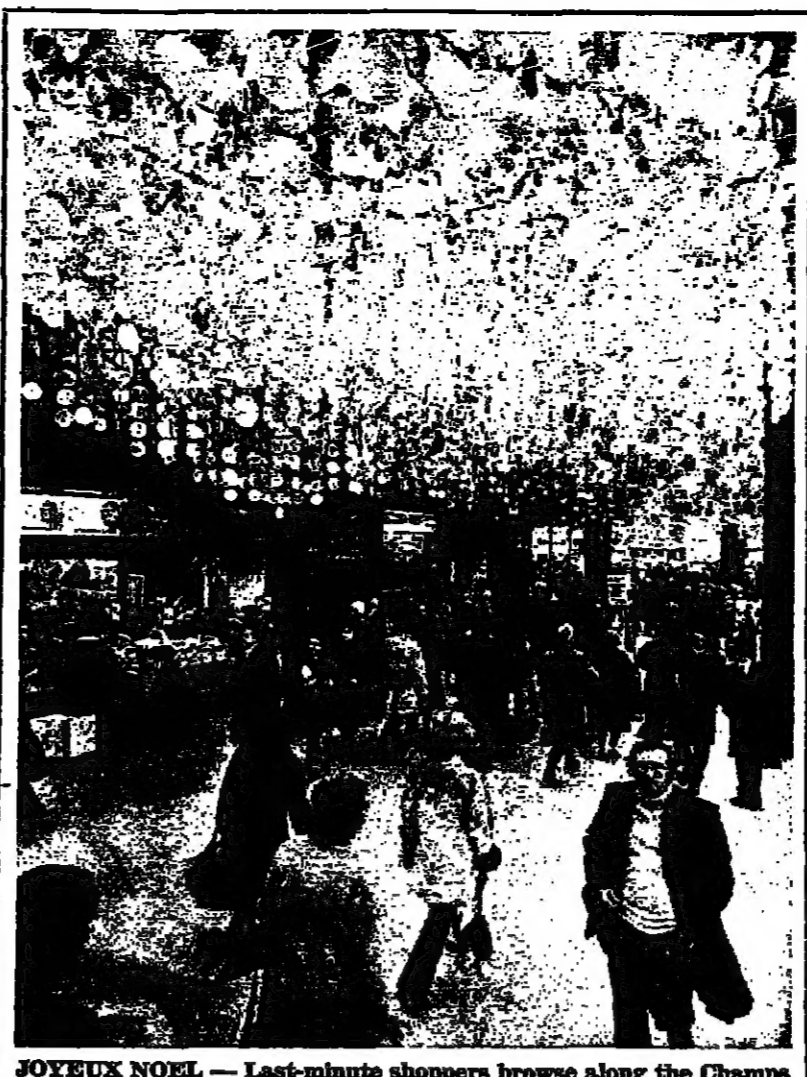
EXPERTISE AND BRAINS
Since the company's major production factors are expertise and brains, its added value is high. Depreciation costs are negligible, raw materials account for about one-third of the operating cost total (of which two-thirds are imports). Selling costs were high during the initial period (one-quarter of the total in the 1971 business year), while the company's products had to be launched in a market already saturated. On the other hand, the company's wage bill remains high — about one-third of the direct manufacturing cost, and one-half of the engineering, research and development cost. Contrary to widespread view, science-based industry is likely to be more affected by the current Israeli wage explosion than are our conventional industries. A peculiar feature of science-based cost structure is, of course, the position occupied by R&D. In 1971, research and development costed for 44 per cent of Elicoin's total operating costs, and they are likely to remain substantial even if their share decreases as the company's production and turnover grow. While this expenditure is vital in order to remain ahead of the general technological progress, its result is never certain, so that it actually represents the venture's risk factor.

The prospectus also reveals how much even science-based industry in this country depends upon Government's participation in Elicoin's R&D outlay and selling expenses, exceeded 10 per cent of its operating cost, and export premiums amounted to as much again, though most of the latter was offset by the surcharge on imported materials. In the first quarter of 1972-73 the net support amounted to five per cent of Elicoin's turnover, which is to be compared with the company's gross profit margin of 15 per cent of turnover, and does not include the reduced tax rate it enjoys, nor the capital grant and the reduced rate credits it received as an approved enterprise.

The company's financial structure is of interest. Three years after start of operations its annual turnover (IL12m.) almost equaled its balance sheet, and was seven times the amount of its fixed assets (IL1.8m.). With a shareholders' equity of IL2.5m. (and 100 shares) it had to establish substantial bank credits to finance its expansion, paying an average 10.5 per cent interest, but a marginal rate of 16.5 per cent. As a result, financial expenses rose to one-third of its operating profit, which was the obvious reason for its going public (to IL10.5m. net) raised by Elicoin through the share issue, only IL2.5m. had been intended to be used for expanding manufacturing facilities. Another IL1.8m. was earmarked for increasing the company's operating capital, while IL4.4m. is to be used for repaying debts. Since the effective cost of the new capital funds is less than two per cent, they will contribute to Elicoin's profits even while they are kept idle as interest-bearing bank deposits.

Australian dollar revalued
CANBERRA (Reuter). — Australia yesterday announced a 4.36 per cent upward revaluation of its dollar. Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said the value of the dollar would rise from 1.2160 U.S. dollars to 1.2750. Mr. Whitlam said this would mean an overall appreciation of 7.05 per cent over the present market rate of 1.1910 U.S. dollars.

Maritime retains Gov't meat contract
Maritime Fruit Carriers Ltd. will continue to hold the Government contract for bringing in frozen meat bought in South America by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Minister Haim Bar-Lev decided to continue the arrangement after hearing the recommendations of the interministerial committee he had named to study the matter. The contract extension is for two years, the ministry spokesman said last week.



JOYEUX NOEL — Last-minute shoppers browse along the Champs Elysees, sporting its Christmas costume. (AFP)

Five-year plan presented Agricultural force declines sharply

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The number of farmers and agricultural workers in Israel has declined by 30,000 since 1960, and will decline by another 10,000 over the next five years — this at a time when the labour force in the country as a whole will have increased (between 1960 and 1976) by over half a million, says a Five-Year Plan just published by the Labour Ministry.

Agricultural workers numbered 121,000 in 1960, or 17.5 per cent of the labour force at that time. Last year they were down to 92,000, or 8.5 per cent of the labour force, and by 1976, the figure will be 62,000, or 6.8 per cent. The reason is the enormous improvement in productivity, with total output almost doubling every 10 years, despite the smaller number of cultivators.

TOTAL FORCE
Over the next five years, Israel's total labour force will increase by about one-quarter, or 250,000 persons (a little less if immigration averages 50,000 persons a year, and a little more if it hits 70,000 per year, the report says).

Of this number, two-fifths will go to industry, raising the proportion in this branch from 24 to 27 per cent. The report comments that industrial employment has fallen so far to grow as expected. "According to forecasts made in the late 1960s, the number of persons employed in industry was due to top the quarter-million mark by now, whereas it actually stood at 240,000 in 1971." If present forecasts are fulfilled, this figure will come to 328,000 in five years' time, an increase of over one-third.

Another section of the report deals with development townships. The objective is to bring all of them up to the minimum figure of 10,000 inhabitants, "which is a minimal basis if the town is to reach self-

sustaining existence." At present eight townships still have less than that number of inhabitants: Hatzor, Ma'alot, Carmiel, Sderot, Netivot, Arad, Yerucham and Mitzpe Ramon. The Labour Ministry intends to correct this, by bringing 14,000 persons to the developing areas over the next five years — the flow increasing from one thousand this year to 5,000 by 1976.

The Labour Ministry's method is to offer attractive housing, a decent job, and "other benefits that will constitute an incentive to make the move."

MINISTRY GRADUATES
The 650-page report gives detailed predictions for all branches of the Labour Ministry's work — based on the overall national five-year blueprint drawn up by the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority. Thus annual entry into the labour market of graduates from the Ministry's vocational training network will increase by more than half, from 9,810 persons in 1972 to 15,220 in 1977. Within this total, the output of technicians will increase almost three fold, from 1,473 graduates a year to 4,000. Annual budgetary cost of the whole programme at existing prices will almost double, from IL45m. this year to IL95.5m.

The Public Works Department will spend IL500m. during the coming five years, mainly on road-building. The programme includes linking the Tel Aviv-Lod motorway to Sha'ar Ha'gati (where it will join the four-lane highway to Jerusalem) — obviating the need to go through Latrun — and completing the Tel Aviv-Ashdod highway. The report observes that all road stretches carrying over 10,000 vehicles a day must be widened to four lanes; and it lists seven places that will receive this treatment by 1976.

A symposium will be held on Thursday in Efar Maccabia, where heads of departments in the Labour Ministry will discuss the whole plan.

Winter no longer an 'off season'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ISRAEL'S tourist industry no longer has an "off" season. Israel Zuriel, Deputy Director-General of the Tourism Ministry says that since 1970 the winter period from October to the end of February has become a full fledged tourist season, beginning to be comparable with the "peak" season which usually starts some time in March.



Israel Zuriel: climb in figures "nothing short of remarkable."

In 1971, Mr. Zuriel pointed out, the five winter months accounted for one-third of the year's 601,000 tourists. The rising number of visitors for the Christmas holidays of all the Christian churches has contributed significantly to the trend that keeps the increase of winter tourism ahead of that during the other months.

The Scandinavian countries, 90 per cent of whose tourists to Israel are Christians, registered the greatest rise in the number of visitors in the first 11 months of this year, compared to the corresponding period in 1971. Scandinavians comprised 5.3 per cent of the 682,700 tourists who came to the country between January and the end of November, but this constituted a 40 per cent increase over last year's figure and this before the Christmas traffic had started.

The Scandinavian countries are the only ones permitted to fly general charters to Israel (all others are restricted to bona fide pilgrims); but West Germany whose tourists are also predominantly Christian has also provided a greatly increased number of visitors in 1972. The 41,000-odd Germans who had come by the end of November represented a 30 per cent rise over the same period of 1971.

Mr. Zuriel noted that tourists from a number of other countries, for which figures were available only for the first 10 months of the year, had already surpassed the respective figures for the whole of 1971. The countries include Switzerland, which sent 21,000 visitors from January to the end of October. Holland (18,000) and Italy (16,500).

The U.S. continues to be Israel's largest source of tourists (38.4 per cent), followed by France (9.3), Britain (8.2), Germany and Scandinavia. Present estimates for December indicate that Britain may overtake France for the first time in years.

The total figure of nearly 683,000 tourists up to the end of November was 13 per cent ahead of the figure for the first 11 months of last year. Mr. Zuriel termed the continuing climb "nothing short of remarkable," for 1971 set an all-time record, beating the 1970 total by 49 per cent. "Also, this year's increase was achieved in spite of the Munich massacre, the hijackings and the constant Arab threats."

He ascribed the undaunted upward trend to the fact that Israel's attractions both as the

Land of the Bible and as a pleasure resort were becoming better known. At the same time people were learning that an incident, say, in the Golan Heights, should not deter them from a planned vacation on the coast, in the southern part of the country or even in Galilee.

CHARTER FLIGHTS
Questioned about prospects for a change in Israel's policy toward charter flights in the light of trends in commercial aviation generally, Mr. Zuriel said the Ministry was not unaware of the changes now being discussed by the U.S. Civil Aviation Board and its British equivalent, the Civil Aviation Authority. These envisage using flights by IATA members on a part-charter basis. Under this scheme, a travel agent could book a block of 40 or 50 seats on an airliner at rates competitive with those charged by the charter companies.

"We are in touch with El Al, and all of us are exploring ways to ensure that Israel does not lag behind developments in other parts of the world," he said.

The Ministry was also seeking to overcome the complaints of wholesale travel agents about a practice of some of Israel's five-star hotels, which will only offer firm group reservations on a "semi-pension" basis — that is, room and breakfast plus one other meal. The agents claim that this handicaps their promotion campaigns by pricing the tour, comparatively speaking, above the advertised cost of package excursions to other countries. It also gives rise to objections on the part of clients who do not wish to be tied down to any particular locality during the tour.

U.S. lends Israel \$4.2m. for generators

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. Government announced last week it is lending Israel \$4.2m. to help it buy three electric generators in the U.S. The loan is from the U.S. Export-Import Bank, which is also putting up a loan guarantee for another \$4.2m. The generators will be connected to Israel's national electric grid.



To clients of the 'Ha'oleh' branch at 12 Rehov Shamai, Jerusalem

The "Ha'oleh" Branch will close down tomorrow, Monday, December 25, 1972, at 12.30 p.m. On Tuesday, December 26, 1972, our new branch, in spacious, well appointed premises in Kikar Zion will open, where we shall be happy to provide our clients all the services previously available at the old branch, and even some new ones.



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RESTRICTION ORDER: VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC ROUTING, CHRISTMAS 1972, JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, AND BEIT SAHUR

In exercise of my legal authority, I hereby announce that from 6.30 a.m. on December 24, 1972, until 5 a.m. on December 25, 1972, the following restrictions will apply to traffic movement and parking, in the places indicated:

JERUSALEM
1. Traffic restrictions
a. Roads closed to traffic:
Derech Beit Lehem, from the corner of Derech Hevron, will be closed to all vehicles in the Bethlehem direction, with the exception of vehicles with pass stickers.
b. Prohibition of parking:
Parking on either side of Derech Beit Lehem and Derech Hevron will be prohibited.

BETHLEHEM
1. Traffic arrangements
Entry to the Bethlehem district will be permitted, only to vehicles with an appropriate parking sticker; invitations must be carried. The Police will direct drivers at the entry to the restricted area, in accordance with the type of parking sticker displayed.
a. Traffic restrictions will be closed to traffic:
1. Beit Sahur road will be closed to traffic.
2. The new road, Beit Sahur — Zur Bahar will be a one-way section in the direction, Beit Sahur to Zur Bahar.
b. Parking restrictions:
The Police will issue instructions, indicating where parking prohibitions apply.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/SPECIAL JOURNEYS
1. Buses
Organized tourist groups — parking sticker 2 — will travel to Bethlehem from the Rachel's Tomb junction, and will be directed to a car park by the Police. Passengers will be picked up for the return journey after the ceremony from the same car park.
2. "Special" shuttle from Jerusalem between 8.30 and 10 p.m. — parking sticker 3
Departure Terminal for Bethlehem — Rehov Agnon, parking bay (E.10, first exit) — the Police will direct drivers to parking. Departure Terminal — Rehov St. George, near St. George Hotel — the Police will direct drivers to parking.
3. Regular shuttle to Bethlehem parking sticker 4
From Eged Central Bus Station to Bethlehem: pick-up points in Derech Hevron, Ein Rogel junction, and at Rachel's Tomb. Bus service from East Jerusalem — parking sticker 6
From the bus station at the Damascus Gate to the Bethlehem Cinema. Passengers will be picked up by the cinema for the return journey after the ceremony.
4. Jerusalem — Tel Aviv bus service
will continue until 3 a.m. on December 25, 1972.
b. Taxis
Local taxi service — parking sticker 5
From the Jafa Gate to Bethlehem. Pick-up and alighting point in Derech Beit Lehem, in the southern part of the square of the Church of the Nativity.

GENERAL
a. During the above restrictions, traffic will not be permitted on the Jerusalem — Hevron road, nor within Bethlehem. Traffic will be directed to the following route: Sar'ir, Zetara, Abu Dis, Jerusalem; and to the new Beit Sahur — Zur Bahar road, in the direction towards Jerusalem only.
b. Until 4 p.m., residents of Bethlehem, Beit Sahur, and Beit Jala will be able to leave the district by private vehicles bearing a special sticker. After that time, they will be able to leave only by bus or taxi.

M. BAZRAN
Controller of Road Transport,
Jerusalem and Southern Districts,
and Judea and Samaria

CHANGE IN IRISH CONSTITUTION: A GESTURE FOR COMPROMISE

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN
THERE are occasional signs of hope for the future of the democratic process — even in Ireland, which, just now, is a place of curious and irrational horror where all the curses seem worse than the disease.

legislation, it was probably vital in the prevention of laws to permit birth control, divorce and abortion — all of which are illegal in the Republic.
The Irish Constitution is a lengthy document that begins with the words: "In the name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of man and States must be referred."

grounds. No religion may be endowed by the State. No religious schools are to receive any preference in State aid. The right of religions to run their own affairs and administer their own property is recognized.
Such a change in the Irish Constitution has been canvassed for at least five years. But the final impetus has come from the three years of violence in Northern Ireland. And it is said that the change in the Constitution will in fact make little difference to the horror in the North.

is a gentle and indirect repudiation of these attitudes and syndromes. The Cardinal Primate of all Ireland, Archbishop William Conway of Armagh, was in favour of the dropping of the clause in the Constitution and although the voting turn-out was small, the constitutional amendment was endorsed, not only in the cities, but in country counties like Mayo and Kerry where the old untiring memories and prejudices were thought still to be in charge.
Rational course
The fact remains that a genuine democracy, albeit a small one, has chosen a cool and rational course, has refused the delights of prejudice and religious intemperance. In fact they have removed a block that some future negotiators from the North could use against any form of cooperation — let alone reunion.
They have made it a little easier for men who see compromise as the only solution. Age that the first real and self-sacrificing gesture in the direction of compromise came from Dublin and the Republic is a marvelous thing. This is why this gesture serves a little to restore hope in men and men's way of running their societies. (O/S)

PILGRIMS' DAY

TODAY, Christmas Eve, is pilgrims' day in the Holy Land, and particularly in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth.
Travel is no longer quite a simple matter at the present time, with security checks at planes and borders and many inconveniences and delays and possible dangers. The pilgrims are doubly welcome who have braved these unaccustomed obstacles in order to carry out what is for them often a journey saved for and prepared for many years. Their world of love and of the spirit and of thought for the past will survive long after the many forms of violence, terrorism and destruction of the past four decades are remembered only as a revival of the Dark Ages.

that goes out with today's issue of The Jerusalem Post Bethlehem's Mayor Elias Freij is protesting that his one-day-a-year city is forgotten for the rest of the year by Christians the world over, and that it has remained too modest in appearance. For many pilgrims, this modesty and lack of modernity form a large part of its great charm, for the narrow streets and ancient buildings allow the visitor from abroad to transport himself back — or it seems to him — to biblical days. One would wish him success in one of his projects — that Manger Square should cease to be a crowded parking lot and should once more become an open space from which the Church of the Nativity, the mosque and the closely packed houses of the Old City can regain their balance and effect.

Mayor Freij is right in saying his city is entitled to help in addition to the modest rates that can be collected from its 2,000 inhabitants, and no doubt needed for ordinary services. To preserve the individuality and charm of Bethlehem and at the same time make it accessible to tourists and pilgrims will take more money and ingenuity than the present system of letting the central square fill up with cars and buses. It is only one point in an issue that now troubles every city and site of antiquity and interest.

Critics ask change in immigration policy More Asians for Australia?

Critics of Australia's current immigration policy argue that a big reduction in European intake — while maintaining, or slightly increasing, the Asian intake — would not only be good for the country but good for Australia's relations with Asian neighbours. Here is a summary of opinions on the subject by EWF correspondent Vincent Stove.



Australia is the world's most thinly populated country, but overcrowding in its cities is a major problem. Here, a traffic jam in North Sydney. (Camera Press)

of high tariffs. They are encouraged to expand so that they can employ more labour. It is argued that these local industries flourish to provide employment for immigrants, but are a burden on the economy and the consumer. Of course, a large annual population increase stimulates demand, creates a bigger market, and does have an expansionary effect on the economy.

Money or men
But it can no longer be argued that Australia necessarily needs a large population for its defence. Sophisticated defence technology and weaponry need money more than men. And Australia's geography demands greater use of this modern type of armoury than men in uniform. In addition, there is now greater scope for regional defence cooperation and alliances than existed at the end of World War II in the Asian region.

And because Australia's economy and security is linked with the Asian region, it is argued that the present emphasis on European immigrants is unwise. Any scheme that does not extend the same right of entry to Europeans and Asians alike is seen in some quarters here — and in many quarters in Asia — as morally dubious and grossly insulting to Asian neighbours.
Admittedly, an increasing number of Asians have been accepted as permanent residents in recent years. But the percentage is small in relation to the total intake. A big reduction in the European intake, while maintaining, or slightly increasing, the Asian intake, would not only be good for Australia, it is argued, but good for Australia's relations with Asian neighbours.

ISRAEL PRESS

Weizman and Herut

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "The Herut convention has reconfirmed that from certain aspects this party resembles a religious cult rather than a political body: it is a group of believers, with adherence to the traditional leader being a basic tenet of their faith. Ezer Weizman's resignation was a hasty move, and will be regarded by anyone who believes that matters would have been better if this opposition party were to emerge from the ivory tower of dogmatism and nostalgia."
Davar (Histadrut) writes: "The split which manifested itself in Herut was of a personal nature, and the contest was for positions of power and not over ideological issues. Furthermore, the fact that Mr. Begin was forced to dirty his hands and take part in a personal quarrel reflects the decline in his status. Of greater significance, however, is the fact that this torn party represents itself as an alternative to the existing regime. From a political point of view this is amusing, but as regards Israeli democracy it is quite sad."

it contains the elements of an ideological crisis. The paper declares: "The nationalistic movement, which disregards the rules of political democracy, has reached a dead end. Attending to the confusion was also the debate at the convention, in which thoughts of repentance made themselves heard." The paper is of the opinion that the young convention delegate was right who said that the public is convinced that a Herut government would be tantamount to war.
Evinok no surprise at the split in Herut, Hatzofe (National Religious) writes: "In the immediate sphere of the commander of the fighting family, Menahem Begin, it is impossible for anyone to display a differing opinion, and this is not the first time that he has removed opponents and revealed no tolerance for deciding between majority and minority. What is clear is that persons of position have found it very difficult to integrate in the leadership of Herut, because the party's leader does not acknowledge anyone who opposes him. The weakness of this party is to be found in its ideological immobility, and in its being subservient to a sole leader who holds sole authority."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) does not think that the contest within Herut is merely personal, suggesting that



File picture of a B-52 dropping a cluster of bombs over Vietnam. (AP radiophoto)

FOREIGN PRESS

'U.S. bombing is terror on unprecedented scale'

The New York Times condemned the renewed bombing in North Vietnam for the suffering it will cause, in an editorial on Friday.
The paper said: "The big B-52 bombers that are being used for the first time over the heavily populated Hanoi-Halong area are no precision weapons. Normally they operate in flights of three that lay down patterns of bombs which scatter over an area more than half-a-mile wide and more than a mile-and-a-half long.
"Even if the targets were strictly military, a great deal more than military would inevitably be caught up in such sweeping devastation, especially in a blitz that in two days alone is estimated to have dropped 20,000 tons of explosive — the equivalent of the Hiroshima bomb.
"it requires no horror stories

from Hanoi Radio to deduce that the destruction and the human suffering must be very intensive indeed. And to what end?
"Officials in Saigon and Washington have suggested that the raids are intended to disrupt a Communist offensive. But military men in Saigon say they have seen no indication that the North Vietnamese are preparing such a strike.
"... Indiscriminate use of the U.S. overwhelming aerial might to try to impose an American solution to Vietnam's political problems is terrorism on an unprecedented scale, a retreat from diplomacy which this nation would be the first and loudest to condemn if it were practised by any other major power. In the name of conscience and country, Americans must now speak out for sanity in Washington and peace in Indochina."

Readers' letters

Appeal by Lansky's sister Tours from Holland

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Though there is naught to be gained for my brother, Meyer Lansky, I feel I must address myself to the Ruth Waxman letter (November 15), to the Minister of Interior and to the people of Israel.
Unfortunately there are many people who think like Ruth Waxman, not only in Israel, but everywhere. To them, an indictment is synonymous with proven guilt and allegation synonymous with proven fact, so Heaven help us if they are our jurors.
To the present Minister of Interior, Dr. Josef Burg, who must bear the guilt in this case, I say: "May God forgive you, despite the fact that you knew what you were doing."
To future ministers, I say: "Remember the hamefuts Lansky case, so that it will not happen again." Where the right to stay is discretionary as it was in the Lansky case, no Jew should be expelled, no matter what the pressures. Impose your restrictions, but let him stay. Nor do you add insult to injury by putting him into limbo with a Mas-se-passer.
Once you allow one Jew to be sacrificed, then you make all Jews vulnerable. A Jew is a Jew is a Jew and since we are never allowed to forget it, we should always remember it in dealing with our own.
How come non-Jews who flagrantly and blatantly express their com-

mitment by word and deed to the destruction of Israel and the extermination of Jews find heavens of refuge and a Jew who sought only to spend his declining years in peace, as evidenced by his more than two years in Israel, could not find refuge?
To you, Mr. Editor, I owe a special thanks for the article you published on the "Lansky verdict" in which you decried the manipulation of the Jews' law of return in this instance. Regrettably your article did not achieve the results that Emma Zola did with his famous, "Faccus" letter in the Dreyfus case, but you raised your voice loud and clear when you saw a miscarriage of justice, and that's all we can ask of any human being.
ESTHER CHESS
Brooklyn, December 5.

Tours from Holland

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with interest your report, "Dutch firm starts low-cost Israel tours" (November 28). May I point out that our company has been organizing low-cost tours to Israel since 1969 and after a difficult start in 1968-69 when we had 800 participants, we brought 4,000 passengers to Israel in 1972. With regard to size, may I bring to your readers' attention that our company transported 84,000 passengers in 1972 (as against 58,000 claimed by Neckermann's Dutch branch), Centouri, F.V. Magneet and Nederlandse Reisverzekering also transport more passengers than Neckermann Vliegverzek.
ANDRE A. VERLINDEN, Director
Christoffel Reizen N.V.
Rotterdam, December 6.

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